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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement dated January 16, 2007, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group II claims, i.e. claims 9-13, drawn to an assay method with a negative control selected from a capture reagent.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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